

25 April 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 25 April 1979

The Director chaired the meeting.

McMahon reported on "uneasiness" in Nepal. He said there continues to be a "live threat" against Ambassador Heck, and we should be prepared to expect incidents in the foreseeable future. The DCI noted that he has seen very little reporting on Nepal of late.

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Taylor commented on the SSCI's budget mark-up for CIA's 1980 program. He noted particularly that the SSCI has kept in the program positions related to FOIA--positions that could be given up if CIA were to gain relief from FOIA. The message here is uncertain in view of HPSCI Burlison's willingness to gain such relief for CIA, though not in the authorization process. Regarding the SSCI's mark-up, the Director noted that analysts are to be added in the DIA program; Taylor assumes that after the House/Senate budget conference, DIA will end up with about half that number.

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The Director asked Hetu if it might be possible to get hold of an advance copy of the speech the President will make tonight in New York before the American Newspaper Publishers Association; Hetu will try. The Director said that he offered an insert to the speech (which deals mainly with SALT) which, in effect, would make it clear that the President will keep Congressional leaders appropriately informed with regard to the SALT verification issue. This would, hopefully, turn the press to address their questions to the Administration and Congress; not to the intelligence community.

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